

WANT EXECUTIONS IN MEXICO; FEW TRIALS IN THE CAPITAL

Secret Service Prepares the Lists and the Secretary of War Does the Rest; All Fomer Huertistas "Getting Theirs" From Firing Squad; Torreon Not in Danger From Carranza Attacks, Villistas Say.

Wholesale executions of former federal officers are taking place in Mexico City, according to reports from passengers who arrived from the capital Sunday. As many as three and four men are shot at a time. The total number executed last week was 17, according to the Americans. Among this number were Gen. Garcia Hidalgo, Mungui and del Cardo, all of whom were prominent in the Huerta regime.

Every effort is made to keep the executions secret, according to the Americans, but they have become so frequent that they have become one of the principal topics of conversation in the capital. It is understood that lists of former federal officers are being prepared by a special corps of secret service men and that many of these have already been turned over to Gen. Zeballes, secretary of war, who orders the executions.

Torreon in No Danger. Aside from the executions, the Americans report all quiet in Mexico City and along the line to the border. At Torreon it is claimed that there has never been more than skirmishing at San Pedro with Carranza troops, and that a considerable garrison has been assembled by Gen. Villa at Torreon to be prepared for eventualities.

Convention May Be Delayed. There is little interest manifested in the capital regarding the reconvening of the Aguascalientes convention, which will name a provisional president. It is reported in Mexico City that the reconvening of the convention, which was set for January 1, may be delayed on account of the necessity of military movements, until January 10.

DR. TUPPER GOING TO MEXICO TO CONFER WITH GEN. VILLA. Dr. Henry Allen Tupper, special peace commissioner of the International Peace Forum, arrived in El Paso Sunday from Chicago, on his way to Mexico City. Dr. Tupper expects to interview Gen. Villa and possibly Carranza and other leaders.

GEN. SCOTT IS MET HERE BY HIS EL PASO FRIENDS. Brig. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, accompanied by Lieut. Col. R. E. L. Michie and members of his staff, spent a short time in El Paso Saturday evening en route to Naco. Gen. Scott was met at the station by Gen. John J. Pershing and his staff, Mayor C. E. Kelly, George Carothers, M. and W. S. Stewart, Z. T. White, W. H. Burgess, Claiborne Adams and other El Paso friends. He held a brief conference with Carothers, but asked to be excused regarding the expression of an opinion on the Naco situation.

CARRANZA WILL EVACUATE MORE TOWNS, HE ASSERTS. Veracruz, Mex., Dec. 21.—The advisability of evacuating additional towns is being considered by Carranza and his advisers, and it is likely that such a step will be decided upon, according to reports from headquarters here. This is given out in the form of a statement from Carranza in which he says he wishes to demonstrate his friendship for Americans by doing and not saying words. It is believed Carranza may refer to Naco, Sonora.

ENGINEER DIES FROM WOUND RECEIVED IN MEXICO. San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 21.—As the result of a wound in the hand received in Mexico last fall, Louis Dunbar, locomotive engineer on the National lines of Mexico, died at his home in this city. He was 38 years of age and never a participant Dunbar witnessed many of the conflicts between the warring factions of the country. He was formerly a locomotive engineer in South America. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and also of the Masonic lodge of Lima, Peru.

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Disorders Are Feared in Manzanillo, Where Carranza Is Attacking. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Threats that the engineers of western railroads will strike if the board of arbitration fails to regulate surprise tests in a manner which will eliminate danger to the men, were made before the board at today's session.

The threats were made by Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and Wm. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineemen. They were occasioned by remarks of W. L. Park, vice president of the Illinois Central, and F. A. Burgess, of the engineer's organization, both members of the board, and by James M. Sheehan, attorney for the railroads.

AMERICAN IN JUAREZ JAIL; FRIENDS FEAR EXECUTION. Held by order of Gen. Tomas Ornelas, Alberto Gonzalez was in jail in Juarez, his friends in El Paso fear that he will be executed as a spy. He is an American citizen, having been born in Yulata and was an assistant of a district clerk's office under the Alderete.

MEAKER, BRITISH SUBJECT, BOND IS RELEASED UNDER. Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Percy Meaker, British subject held by Maytorena officials under a charge of transporting Carranza supplies to safety, has started for Naco, Sonora, to place his case before governor Maytorena, according to advices received here by British agent J. P. Meaker. Meaker has been held for the past few days at Nogales, Sonora. He has been released under bond.

CONTROL OF RIO GRANDE IS SOUGHT. Garner Advocates Projected Inquiry On Boundary Method. Status Along the River. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—At a hearing of the house foreign affairs committee, representative Garner explained the method of control and distribution of the flood waters of the Rio Grande, as proposed by a joint resolution which provides that a commission for the study of the questions connected with the equitable distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande between the United States and Mexico is directed to make an investigation, under the supervision of the secretary of state, as to the best and most feasible method of preserving the boundary line between the United States and Mexico by preventing the flood waters of the Rio Grande and its tributaries, where the Rio Grande constitutes this boundary line, from disturbing and changing the channel, and also the best method of providing for impounding, regulating and utilizing these waters in such manner as to secure to each country and its inhabitants their legal and equitable rights and interests in the waters.

DEPUTES HAVE A DUEL WITH MEXICAN. In an exchange of bullets about midnight Sunday with deputy constables Jose Carrea and Jimmie Casares, Julio Cervantes was seriously wounded in the right arm. The deputy constables were arrested on a charge of assault to murder and were released Monday morning on \$500 bond each. A charge of assault to murder was also filed against Cervantes.

EL PASO PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM STATE CONVICT FARMS. The sheriff's department has received advices of the escape from the Clemens and Harlem farms of prisoners sent from El Paso to the state penitentiary since 1911. Most of the escapes were made on December 12. Those escaping December 12 are reported to be: Gerónimo Alvarez, sent November 2, 1911, for five years for burglary, escaped from Harlem farm; Rafael Yracoven, sent June 3, 1914, two years for burglary, escaped from Clemens farm; Antonio Drado, sent June 24, 1914, 12 years for murder, escaped from Harlem farm; Jose Maria Nunes, alias Antonio Martinez, sent February 11, 1913, three years for burglary, escaped from Harlem farm; Pedro Solario, sent June 2, 1914, two years for burglary, escaped from Harlem farm; and Carlos Vera, sent February 1914, five years for burglary, escaped from Harlem farm.

SOCIAL SURVEY REPORT TO BE MADE BY COMMITTEE. A complete report on the work concluded to date on the social survey of El Paso will be made this afternoon at a meeting of the committee, that is working with T. Settle on the survey. This meeting will be held at the chamber of commerce at 4 o'clock and will be preceded by a meeting at 3:30 o'clock of a number of subcommittees. According to Mr. Settle, the work has been progressing favorably and it is hoped that a definite plan of action will be mapped out following the report.

VILAS SOCCER TEAM WINS FROM SUNSET, SCORE, 2-0. Vilas school's soccer team won from the Sunset school Monday morning on the high school gymnasium grounds in The Herald soccer league series. The score was 2 to 0. Playing on the Vilas team were Genesius Cross, 1 w.; James Hunter, c.; Eddie Hunter, r. w.; Nathaniel Corvoia, r. w.; Guyler Magruder, l. h. b.; Philip Cordova, r. h. b. and Ray Lawrence, goal keeper.

used. This brought Carter and Stone to their feet. An Old Story, They Say. "I will inform the board," said Stone, "that we have heard this assurance before. In 1906, in 1907 and in 1910 we tried to get the roads to eliminate dangerous efficiency tests, and each time we went back to the men and told them that it was all right, that the roads would conduct only fair tests, and just as regularly the roads did nothing of the kind."

"Now if the assurances of the railroads do not remove this danger to the lives and limbs of our men; if federal and state laws do not, and if this arbitration fails to do so, I can assure you that the men will. I do not wish to try to intimidate this board, but the strength of the men will be used if necessary to protect themselves when all else fails."

"Safety first is a good advertisement, but we want a system that will not cause an engineeman, suddenly confronted with a red light, to jump when there is no real danger. We invite efficiency tests. There is not in the world a body of men who conform to the duties of their positions so closely as the engineemen, and if the law cannot protect them, as it has not in Kansas, the men will protect themselves by their united strength."

O. F. Modenbach, a Rock Island fireman, of El Reno, Okla., who testified Saturday that in January, 1909, he and his engineer, named Thompson had jumped from the cab of their locomotive when a red light, turned on in a snow storm at Dover, Okla., was on the stand again. Couldn't Find Record. Sheehan stated that an exhaustive inquiry failed to show any record of the accident which witness said had resulted in a broken collar bone for Thompson. Reports, Sheehan said, showed that Thompson had worked that month, and the accident and train records showed no record of any such occurrence. Witness clung to his story, except that he seemed a little uncertain as to the exact time of the accident and could not recollect the first name of the engineer.

The Plan and the Action

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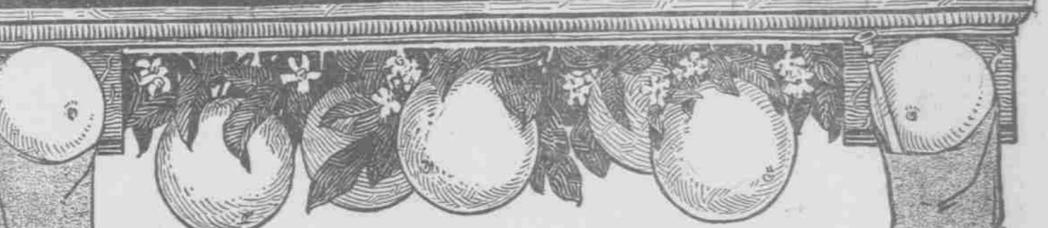
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